

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3783–3793; 1 private bill, H.R. 3794; and; 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 360, and H. Res. 521–522 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1768, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, amended (H. Rept. 108–416); and

H. Res. 520, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections (H. Rept. 108–417).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Printing of “History of the United States Capitol” as a House Document: H. Con. Res. 358, authorizing the printing of “History of the United States Capitol” as a House document, by a two-thirds yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 19;

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Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony remembering victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 359, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 20;

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Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height: H. Con. Res. 357, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height; and

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Requesting that the President issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi: H. Con. Res. 264,

authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Message from the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk notifying the House that he received a message from the President on Monday, February 9, containing the Economic Report of the President.

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Presidential Message: Read a communication from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–145).

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Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear today on

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H411–12, H412, and H413. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Public Diplomacy in the Middle East.” Testimony was heard from Margaret Tutwiler, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Harold Pachios, Chairman, Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Stephen P. Cohen, member, Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World; and public witnesses.

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on the Status of International Religious Freedom: An Analysis of the State Department’s 2003 Annual Report. Testimony was heard from Ambassador-at-Large for International